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1. The following Rumanian officials arrived in Istanbul by train from Bulgaria on 23 January 1949, and took rooms at the Pera Palace Hotel in Istanbul. They are expected to be followed by another group of Rumanian officials.
 - a. Dumitru Olteanu, Ambassador, accompanied by his wife, Elena, both traveling on Rumanian Diplomatic Passport No. 1043, issued in Bucharest on 7 January 1949.
 - b. Agop Bereziyan or Bezerian, 1st Secretary of the Embassy, accompanied by his wife, Maria, both holding (Diplomatic?) Passport No. 1031, issued in Bucharest on 21 December 1948.
 - c. Mailat Saxon, Consulate official, holding passport No. 1053, issued in Bucharest on 2 October 1948.
 - d. Aleksandrina Toma (or Thoma), stenographer, holding passport No. 1054, issued in Bucharest on 2 October 1948.
2. Informant reports on the above-mentioned recently arrived Rumanians and on other changes in the Rumanian diplomatic establishment as follows:
 - a. Dumitru Olteanu is an even closer friend of Anna Pauker, Rumanian Foreign Minister, than is Ionel Crisan O Kirsch, Counsellor of the Rumanian Embassy. Olteanu was chosen for his post because he is a loyal member of the Communist Party. He has served a short apprenticeship at the Rumanian Foreign Office, but is not a career diplomat. Olteanu has been active in the "Cominform's secret service" and will act as Cominform spokesman to Cominform representatives in Turkey under Soviet Ambassador Aleksandr Lavrishchev's new organization of all Soviet-satellite diplomatic and intelligence activity.*

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- b. Aleksandrina Toma (or Thoma) will serve as a typist at the Rumanian Legation in Ankara.
- c. Mircea Petrescu, former Rumanian Consul General in Istanbul, has been recalled to Bucharest, and has been replaced by Dorel Oprea, whom informant describes as "an intimate of Anna Pauker and a tried and true Communist."

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